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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM MOHAMMED BIN NAIF TO U/S BURNS

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(SBU) On September 12, Post received the following letter addressed to U/S Burns from Saudi Assistant Interior Minister Prince Mohammed bin Naif.

BEGIN TEXT OF LETTER:

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Ministry of Interior Assistant Minister of Interior for Security Affairs

TO: Ambassador William Burns Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs

Greetings,

It was with total gratitude that I received the words expressed in your letter dated August 29, 2009 on the heels of the failed assassination attempt. Your letter encompassed much appreciated sentiments of sincerity.

Despite all these attempts, we are determined to press forward in our war on terror and its funding. What occurred will only make us more persistent in exerting greater efforts and will boost our incentive to bolster cooperation in ways that serve the mutual interests of both our allied countries and peoples.

Please accept my sincerest regards.

Respectfully yours,

Mohammed bin Naif bin Abdulaziz Assistant Minister of Interior for Security Affairs

END TEXT OF LETTER. MUENCH